

**ANATOMICAL TERMS: THEIR ORIGIN AND DERIVATION.** By E. J. Field, M.D., M.S., and R. J. Harrison, M.A., M.B., B.Chir. Pp. 165. Cambridge: Heffer. 7s. 6d.

A casual glance at this little book suggests that, on the whole, one's money would be better put into a complete medical dictionary, but that is hardly fair; on further inspection, it is plain that there is far more information on derivation that would be found in any but a very full reference book. This is especially the case with the proper names with which the book abounds. This book may well find a place on the shelf of the real student of anatomy who is anxious to know not only the literal and metaphorical dry bones of his subject, but its historical background.

**CHILD HEALTH: A "Practitioner" Handbook** edited by Professor Alan Moncrieff, M.D., F.R.C.P., and W. A. R. Thompson, M.D. Pp. 254. Eyre and Spottiswoode. 14s.

THIS series of "Practitioner" books requires no introduction. The cover is of cloth with gold lettering, and suggests contents more æsthetic than a textbook of medicine. On the other hand, the title "Child Health" is really justified by the contents. Much the greater part of the book is devoted to the positive side of health and comparatively few chapters to disease processes. All aspects of child welfare are dealt with, including child guidance, the problems of the deaf, the blind, and the mental defective. It is interesting to note that one of the chapters is written by a Queensman. Dr. J. V. Hurford was a resident in the Royal Victoria Hospital in 1929-30 and was the first Editor of the R.V.H. Magazine. That publication only ran to two numbers and was followed immediately by the appearance of the Ulster Medical Journal. Those who were associated with the hospital magazine like to feel that in some degree, however modest, they encouraged the first notions of the Ulster Medical Journal.

**DERMATOLOGY FOR NURSES.** By G. H. Percival, M.D., Ph.D., F.R.C.P.E., D.P.H., and Elizabeth Toddie, S.R.N. Pp. 116. 90 illustrations, 40 in colour. Edinburgh: E. & S. Livingstone Ltd. 15s.

THE time has almost come when it is unnecessary to be critical of a book published by Livingstone. This book is admirable for its purpose; indeed, it would not be too much to say that its contents, if thoroughly digested by medical students, would be sufficient to set their feet firmly on the narrow path of sound dermatological practice. There are few branches of medicine in which it is possible to go on classifying shades of difference between various manifestations of what is essentially one disease, but in this book there is no such trend. The common skin conditions are dealt with thoroughly from the point of diagnosis, which is made plain by the admirable illustrations, and treatment which is described in full detail. That all this has been done in the space of little over a hundred pages ensures that the book is likely to be read from cover to cover.